

CLAIMS

1. Method for preparing a beverage which is suitable for human consumption, comprising the steps of:
 - 5 - filling a glass or the like with a base liquid which is suitable for human consumption, and
 - using a foam-dispensing device to form a foam, which foam-dispensing device has a reservoir containing a stock of foam liquid which is suitable for human consumption and a pump
 - 10 assembly having an air pump and a liquid pump, as well as foam-forming means for forming foam using the pumped air and foam liquid, and
 - supplying the foam dispensed from a dispensing opening of the foam-dispensing device to the glass which has been filled
 - 15 with base liquid, so that the foam forms a head on top of the base liquid.
2. Method according to claim 1, in which the foam-dispensing device is held with its dispensing opening below the level of
- 20 the base liquid, so that the foam rises in the base liquid and forms a head on top of the latter.
3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, in which the foam liquid contains colourings and/or flavourings in an amount which is
- 25 such that a proportion of the colourings and/or flavourings change the colour and/or flavour of the base liquid.
4. Method according to claim 3, in which the foam liquid contains syrup, for example fruit syrup.
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5. Method according to claim 2, in which the foam-dispensing device is provided with a, preferably flexible, dispensing line which at one end is connected to the pump assembly and at the other end forms the dispensing opening for the foam, so that the
- 35 user can hold the dispensing opening below the level of the base liquid.

6. Method according to claim 5, in which the dispensing line is of removable design.
7. Method according to claim 6, in which the dispensing line 5 is designed as a drinking straw, so that after the beverage has been prepared, the dispensing line can be detached and used as a drinking straw.
8. Method according to one of claims 5-7, in which the 10 flexible dispensing line comprises two rigid line parts which are connected by a flexible part.
9. Method according to one of claims 5-7, in which the dispensing line has a concertina-like construction, so that the 15 dispensing line is flexible and the length of the dispensing line can be varied.
10. Method according to one of claims 5-9, in which a dispensing nozzle is located at the free end of the dispensing 20 line.
11. Method according to claim 10, in which the dispensing nozzle has a plurality of dispensing openings for the foam.
- 25 12. Method according to one or more of the preceding claims, in which the pump assembly comprises a common manual actuation member, preferably a push-button, for manual actuation of the air pump and the liquid pump.
- 30 13. Method according to one or more of the preceding claims, in which a dispensing mouth formed on the pump assembly is directed downwards on one side of the reservoir, in such a manner that the glass can be placed next to the reservoir and the foam can flow into the glass from above.
- 35 14. Method according to one or more of the preceding claims, in which the reservoir is a cardboard container, for example in carton form.

15. Use of a foam-dispensing device comprising a reservoir for a foam liquid which is suitable for human consumption and a pump assembly having an air pump and a liquid pump, as well as
5 foam-forming means for forming foam using the pumped air and foam liquid, for preparing a beverage which is suitable for human consumption in a glass or the like, the beverage having a head.

10 16. Foam-dispensing device comprising a reservoir for a foam liquid and a pump assembly having an air pump and a liquid pump, as well as foam-forming means for forming a foam using the pumped air and foam liquid, the reservoir being filled with a foam liquid which is suitable for human consumption, in such a
15 manner that, as a result of foam being dispensed into a glass filled with a base liquid, a head is formed, the dispensing opening for the foam preferably being located below the level of the base liquid which has previously been introduced into the glass, so that foam rises and the base liquid gains flavour and
20 colour from the foam, and the head is formed.

17. Foam-dispensing device according to claim 16, in which a, preferably flexible, dispensing line is provided, which at one end is or can be connected to the pump assembly and at the other
25 end forms the dispensing opening for the foam, so that the user can hold the dispensing opening below the level of the base liquid.

18. Foam-dispensing device according to claim 17, in which the
30 length of the dispensing line is at least 5 centimetres.

19. Foam-dispensing device according to claim 17 or 18, in which the dispensing line is designed as a drinking straw, so that after the beverage has been prepared the dispensing line
35 can be detached and used as a drinking straw.

20. Foam-dispensing device according to one or more of claims 17-29, in which the dispensing line comprises two rigid line parts which are connected by a flexible part.

5 21. Foam-dispensing device according to one or more of claims 17-20, in which the dispensing line has a concertina construction, so that the dispensing line is flexible and the length of the dispensing line can be varied.

10 22. Foam-dispensing device according to one or more of claims 17-21, in which a dispensing nozzle is located at the free end of the dispensing line.

15 23. Foam-dispensing device according to claim 22, in which the dispensing nozzle forms a plurality of dispensing openings for the foam.

20 24. Foam-dispensing device according to one or more of claims 16-23, in which the pump assembly comprises a common manual actuation member, preferably a push-button, for manual actuation of the air pump and the liquid pump.

25 25. Foam-dispensing device according to one or more of the preceding claims 17-24, provided with a flexible dispensing line which can be wound around the reservoir in one or more loops, preferably over a helical path.

30 26. Foam-dispensing device according to one or more of the preceding claims 17-25, in which the foam liquid contains a surfactant.

27. Foam-dispensing device according to one or more of the preceding claims 16-26, in which the foam liquid contains a foam-stabilizing ingredient.

35 28. Pack comprising a foam-dispensing device which is filled with a foam liquid which is suitable for human consumption and

has a plurality of, preferably more than five, dispensing lines which are suitable for use as drinking straws.